

Table 3-6: Gender and Age Distribution in the Denali National Park and Preserve Region

Geographical Area	Gender					Age					
	Total	Males	%	Females	%	under 18	%	18-64	%	65 and older	%
State of Alaska	626,932	324,112	51.7%	302,820	48.3%	190,717	30.4%	400,516	63.9%	35,699	5.7%
Denali Borough	1,893	1,101	58.2%	792	41.8%	450	23.8%	1,385	73.2%	58	3.1%
Anderson City	367	234	63.8%	133	36.2%	77	21.0%	281	76.6%	9	2.5%
Cantwell CDP	222	117	52.7%	105	47.3%	46	20.7%	159	71.6%	17	7.7%
Ferry CDP	29	18	62.0	11	38.0	7	24.1%	21	72.4%	1	3.4%
Healy CDP	1,000	569	56.9%	431	43.1%	274	27.4%	704	70.4%	22	2.2%
McKinley Park CDP	142	86	60.6%	56	39.4%	24	16.9%	113	79.6%	5	3.5%
Matanuska-Susitna Borough	59,322	30,831	52.0%	28,491	48.0%	19,110	32.2%	36,712	61.9%	3,500	5.9%
Petersville CDP	27	18	66.7%	9	33.3%	1	3.7%	22	81.5%	4	14.8%
Talkeetna CDP	772	410	53.1%	362	46.9%	180	23.3%	545	70.6%	47	6.1%
Trapper Creek CDP	423	232	54.8%	191	45.2%	96	22.7%	287	67.8%	40	9.5%
Lake Minchumina CDP	32	17	53.1%	15	46.9%	6	18.8%	25	78.1%	1	3.1%
Nikolai city	100	66	66.0%	34	34.0%	27	27.0%	56	56.0%	17	17.0%
Telida	3	3	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	33.3%	2	66.7%
Municipality of Anchorage	260,283	131,668	50.6%	128,615	49.4%	75,871	29.1%	170,170	65.4%	14,242	5.5%
Fairbanks North Star Borough	82,840	43,217	52.2%	39,623	47.8%	24,919	30.1%	54,076	65.3%	3,845	4.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census of Population & Housing Economy and Employment

Population growth in the Denali Borough is much slower and lags the state, although some communities like Cantwell and Healy show growth rates comparable to those in Mat-Su. However, Anderson, Ferry, and McKinley Park show population losses.

The bush communities of Lake Minchumina and Nikolai have relatively stable, small populations. Telida has shrunk to just 2 residents (Hollis Twitchell, personal comm.).

Ethnically, the population of the Denali region is more heavily dominated by Caucasians than the state as a whole or the nearby urban centers. In virtually all communities, the white population is greater than 85% of the total population. The exceptions are Nikolai, which is a predominantly Athabascan Native village, and Cantwell, which is 22% Athabascan Native. Other ethnic groups are represented in only token numbers. Also, note that in most of the areas reported the figure under “Population of Two or More Races” also contains a large number of people who are part Alaska Natives. For instance, 71 of the 99 Denali Borough residents reporting in this category for two races are part Native Alaskans (see Table 3-5: Ethnic Distribution in the Denali National Park and Preserve Region).